

MINUTES AND REPORT
of
MEETING OF COUNCIL
of

THE COOPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

held at 49 A'Beckett St., Melbourne on Monday May 28th, 1979
commencing 7.00 pm

1. PRESENT

Mr. M. Rundle	Chairman
Mr. O.J. Slattery	Vice Chairman
Mr. J.N. Black	
Mr. K.D. Currey	
Mr. B.H. Macintosh	
Mr. J. Rigby (alternate I.A. Wood)	

Apologies for non attendance were received from

Mr. J. Bainbridge
Mr. E.J. Long
Mr. J.F. Rourke

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held 23rd April, 1979 having been circulated were adopted as a correct record of that meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.i Federation of Cooperative Housing Societies - Minute 4.1
Affiliation fee paid in full.

3.ii Cooperative Insurance Company of Australia - Minute 4.2
Refund of total premium paid on lost films.
Council was advised to consider a broader insurance coverage in the event of additional films being acquired.

3.iii A.C.M.A.L. - Minute 4.7
Letter forwarded as directed.

3.iv Membership affiliation period - Minute 5
Council resolved i) that the affiliation fee for new members be adjusted on a quarterly pro rata basis to the end of the current financial year

ii) that the affiliation fee for new members with no historical trading record be the subject of negotiation and subsequent ratification by Council.

3. MATTERS ARISING (cont.)

3.v Financial Administrators - Minute 8.2

Mr. Slattery reported a successful meeting had been held on May 3rd which had produced good involvement from a representative group of Cooperatives with valuable feedback. A committee comprising

Mr. J. Marshall - Murray Goulburn Cooperative
 Mr. P. Colbourne - Victorian Artificial Breeders
 Cooperative
 Mr. Slattery - Phosphate Cooperative

had been formed to develop a programme. The first meeting of the Committee has been arranged for June 6th, 1979.

4. CORRESPONDENCE4.i To newly appointed Minister administering the Cooperation Act
 Mr. B.J. Dixon M.I.A. proposing a meeting with C.F.V.

The Minister's acknowledgement was tabled. Council agreed the matter be followed up to enable the personal liaison to be established.

4.ii From CFA dated 2nd May.

Forwarding message from Director ICA on the 57th International Cooperative Day 7th July 1979.

4.iii From CFA dated 15th May.

(a) Forwarding paper on Member Relations prepared by Mr. Cooper, Cooperative Federation of Western Australia following his participation as speaker in an ICA organised Conference on the subject.

It was agreed the paper would be issued to each Council member.

(b) Advising of the production in Canada of a society board game illustrating the functioning of Cooperatives. As the production is in French language only it was agreed that when an English version is made a sample could be obtained to enable a market assessment to be undertaken.

(c) Advising USSR Consumer Cooperative Organisation invitation for representative from Cooperative Federation of Australia to be guest at their 10th Congress in Moscow in November 1979. Council agreed that in the event of Mr. Rawlinson being in Europe at that time the CFA should consider nominating him as their representative at no cost to the Cooperative Federation of Victoria.

4.iv From CFA dated 24th May requesting information on commodities imported by Australian Cooperatives for the production of a Trade Directory by the I.L.O.

4.v From Registrar of Cooperative Societies forwarding statistics of Victorian Cooperatives in quarter ended 31st March 1979.

4. CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

- 4.vi From Telecommunications Committee, Rural and Decentralisation Organisation seeking support for a nationwide campaign to equalise telephone calls.
Council agreed to lend its support.

4.vii From V.C.C.A. - May 1979 issue of VCCA News.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- An application for membership from -
Broadford Cooperative Hotel
was received supported by last annual report and the prescribed fee of affiliation.

The application was approved and the fee authorised to cover the period to 30th June, 1980.

6. FINANCIAL

- 6.i The financial statement covering the period 1.7.78 to 30.4.79 and estimated balance sheet as at 30.4.79 was presented to the meeting. It was noted all outstanding affiliation dues for the current financial year have been paid in full.

Council directed that the present current account with the ANZ Bank be closed and the funds transferred to Security Permanent Cooperative Building Society with existing signatories to continue in force.

The accounts as presented were received and adopted.

- 6.ii A draft budget for the period 1.7.79 to 30.6.80 was considered by Council. Proposed expenditure of \$12,500 as contribution to the Cooperative Federation of Australia as a combined joint secretarial operation and service fee was approved. The draft was accepted for preparation of a formal budget for presentation to the next meeting.

7. CORPORATE PLAN

Copies of the formal report on the Planning Workshop held in March having been received from Mr. McLoughlin at a cost of \$62 have been circulated to Council with the addition of a programme timetable in chronological order.

Council agreed the report on investment and borrowing facilities scheduled for May 1979 should be deferred to August 1979.

The response to the information circular and questionnaire of 4% was regarded as disappointing and a follow-up on Federation letterhead paper was directed.

8. REGIONAL MEETINGS

Council agreed these should be organised for

July 11th	in	Morwell
early August	in	Western District
with Annual Conference to be held -		
October 9th	in	Melbourne.

It was agreed the country meetings would be informal social evenings from 7.30 - 10.00 pm. with member Cooperatives contributing to the cost. It was agreed two Directors and the Chief Executive of all known Cooperatives in the relevant Region should be invited to the meeting at which as many Councillors as possible would be present.

Annual Conference venues suggested were

The Social Club Carlton
Melbourne Show Ground.

9. LEGISLATION

Council noted amendments proposed for the Cooperation Act in the last session of the Victorian Parliament and amendments to the NSW Cooperation Act enacted by that State Parliament in April 1979.

It was agreed a subcommittee be formed comprising -

Messrs. Long
Macintosh
Rundle

with instructions to maintain a watching brief on Cooperative legislation and to submit recommendations on desirable amendments to Cooperative legislation in Victoria to meet the relevant needs of Cooperatives in this State.

10. REPORTS

10.i Advisory Council

In a statement presented on behalf of Mr. Long he reported the last meeting of the Advisory Council had been concerned with Government Guarantees one of which had been referred back to the Minister for further direction.

10.ii Executive Offiver

Mr. Rawlinson said he had visited Sydney during the month on CFA business and had familiarised himself with the audio visual education and training programmes prepared by the C.F.N.S.W. These are taken into Board rooms and are proving effective.

He learnt of progress being made in the area of a Federation organised central scheme of banking, and better group use of funds amongst members.

The Executive Officer tabled two introductory draft brochures for individuals or groups considering the formation of a Cooperative. These two supported by a NSW prepared booklet on accounting and financial management for small Cooperatives plus the Registry published Cooperative Societies Handbook should be useful resource material.

10. REPORTS (cont.)

It was agreed a study of the drafts would be made and thereafter fair copies prepared. Council agreed to support a request from the Bendigo Trading Cooperative for assistance in their application to become a declared corporation under the Estate Agents Act for the issue of a licence to operate as a Real Estate Agent.

Mr. Rawlinson has offered assistance to the Broadford Cooperative Hotel in the matter of changing auditors and preparation of the 1979/80 Budget.

He had visited and had discussions with the recently formed Australian Footwear Retailers Cooperative seeking membership from all States.

A meeting of Fishermens Cooperatives has been arranged for 7th June, 1979 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Black.

10.iii Cooperative Federation of Australia

Mr. Rawlinson reported a meeting of the Finance Committee had been held in Sydney attended by Mr. Slattery to discuss the proposed submission to the Australian Financial System Enquiry.

Mr. Slattery informed Council the submission had been prepared after discussions with leaders of the Australian Federation of Credit Union Leagues. It claimed the Australian Community could benefit from a Cooperatively structured financial institution, that the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank is beneficial to Primary Industry Cooperatives in the area of seasonal short term finance, that a shortcoming of the Primary Industry Bank is its inability to provide long term finance to Cooperatives of primary producers. The submission lent support to that being made by A.F.C.U.L.

The Finance Committee recommended to Council of the CFA that there should be ongoing closer liaison with A.F.C.U.L. in matters of common concern.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Council noted Mr. Long's inability to attend the next meeting of CFA Council in Queensland in July. In view of the cost saving of advance purchase tickets Council directed that two air tickets be purchased forthwith for Victorian representation at that meeting.

12. NEXT MEETING

Council agreed the next Meeting would be held on Monday 25th June, 1979 at 49 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne.

13. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.20 pm.

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